Listing of the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces any prior revisions or listing of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) Method for adding information to a timer for a video recording device, wherein said timer specifies details necessary to record a video program and wherein an electronic program guide service is not used to record the video program, comprising

- recording a video program due to a recurring timer, wherein the recurring timer has an associated information item having a default value indicating an undefined condition before said recording;

- extracting, during said recording, additional information from the video signal of the video program, the additional information being received simultaneously with the video program;

- detecting if said additional information contains a specified information regarding said video program;

- extracting said specified information from said additional information;

- replacing said default value of the associated information item with said specified information; and

- displaying the recurring timer with said associated information item.

2. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said specified information is the program title of the video program being recorded, and said default value is a default character string.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said default value is replaced with said specified information for all instances of said recurring timer.

5. (Original) Method according to claim 1, wherein said additional information is extracted from a vertical blanking interval of an analogue video signal.

6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said additional information is extracted from line 21 of the vertical blanking interval of an NTSC signal.

7. (Currently amended) Apparatus for setting up a timer in a video recording device wherein an electronic program guide service is not used to record a video program, the apparatus comprising

    - means for recording a video program due to a recurring timer, wherein the recurring timer has an associated information item having a default value indicating an undefined condition before said recording;

    - means for extracting, during said recording, additional information from the video signal of the video program, said additional information being received simultaneously with the video program;

    - means for detecting if said additional information contains a specified information regarding said video program, the specified information being displayable in a list of timers;

    - means for extracting said specified information from said additional information;

    - means for replacing said default value of the associated information item with said specified information;

    - means for displaying the recurring timer with said associated information item.

8. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said additional information is extracted from a vertical blanking interval of an analogue video signal.

9. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said additional information is extracted from line 21 of the vertical blanking interval of an NTSC signal.

10. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said specified information is the program title of the video program being recorded, and said default value is a default character string.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said default value is replaced with said specified information for all instances of said recurring timer.

13. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said specified information is the program type of the video program being recorded.

14. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said specified information is the program type of the video program being recorded.